

REMARKS

The Applicant intends the present response to be fully responsive to the rejection and objections raised in the Final Office Action, and believes the present response places the application in condition for allowance. Further, the Applicant does not acquiesce to any portion of the Final Office Action not particularly addressed, and respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application.

As set forth in the Final Office Action, the Office noted that (i) claims 1-26 are pending ("pending claims") in the application (ii) claims 1-14 and 18-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, and (iii) claims 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicant thanks the Office for indicating dependent claims 15-17 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their rejected base claim and any intervening claims. In view of this, the Applicants:

- cancel independent claims 1, and dependent claims 2-11 thereof;
- amend the previously-presented independent claim 12 to incorporate all the elements of the original dependent claim 15, thereby placing the now currently-amended independent claim 12 in allowable form;
- cancel original dependent claim 15;
- amend previously-presented dependent claim 16 into independent form and incorporating all the elements of the previously-presented independent claim 12, thereby placing the now currently-amended independent claim 16 in allowable form;
- amend previously-presented dependent claims 18 to attend to ministerial matters;
- cancel claims 23-26;
- add new dependent claims 27-28, which depend from currently-amended independent claim 12; and

- add new dependent claims 29-38, which ultimately depend from currently-amended independent claim 16.

Accordingly, currently-amended independent claims 12 and 16 are in independent form. Dependent claims 13-14, 18-22 and 27-28 ultimately depend from currently-amended independent claim 12. Dependent claims 17 and 29-38 ultimately depend from currently-amended independent claim 16. No new matter has been added to the application by way of the foregoing amendment.

In light of the foregoing amendment, the Applicants submit claims 12-14, 16-22 and 27-38 are allowable. Although the Applicants cancel claims 1-11, 15 and 23-26, the Applicants do so without prejudice and with reserving the right to prosecute claims 6, 25 and 31-35 in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendment and discussion, the Applicants submit that, after entry of the above-amendment, none of the claims are anticipated or obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all of the claims are patentable and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Office believes that any unresolved issues still exist or if, in the opinion of the Office, a telephone conference would expedite passing the present application to issue, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney directly at 732-978-4899 or the office of the undersigned attorney at 732-978-7100 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
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